

**IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Elliott et al.

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE
ACTION MAILED 05/20/2004

CASE: 011115

SERIAL NO.: 09/857,325

FILED ON: 02/14/2002

FOR: Preparation and Xenotransplantation
of Porcine Islets

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Commissioner for Patents

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EXAMINER: LI, Q. JANICE

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on 20th May 2004. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to allow Applicants a (3) three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action thereby allowing Applicants until 22nd November 2004 to respond, the 20th November 2004 being a Saturday.

Applicants therefore authorize the Commissioner to debit Factor & Lake Deposit Account No. 50-0545 in the sum of \$490, being the fee for a (3) three-month extension of time to respond to the instant Office Action.

Applicants herewith file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants therefore authorize the Commissioner to debit Factor & Lake Deposit Account No. 50-0545 in the sum of \$395, being the fee to file a Request for Continued Examination .

If the Commissioner finds any additional charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of Factor & Lake Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

Please consider and enter the following amendments and new claims as indicated below.